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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MEAT

REF: MEXICO 7031

1. LOCAL PRESS CARRIED ACCOUNTS OF RETA PATTERSON MEETINGS IN BOTH COSTA RICA AND PANAMA. EMPHASIS WAS ON POSSIBILITIES FOR CREATING AN INTERNATIONAL BEEF ORGANIZATION INCLUDING MEXICO, PANAMA AND CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT. ANOTHER FROM PANAMA MENTIONED MEXICO/PANAMA/CA UNION AS FIRST STEP TO ORGANIZATION INCLUDING ALL NON-AFTOSA EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND CITED AUSTRALIA AS CREATOR OF IDEA WHICH IS PROJECTED TO LEAD TO A MEETING WITH MAJOR CONSUMER COUNTRIES. BOTH ARTICLES MENTIONED SEPTEMBER 9 MINISTER MEETING IN MEXICO CITY.

2. AT MSDICO MEETING COSTA RICA TO BE REPRESENTED BY
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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK HERNAN GARRON S.,

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF CONSEJO NACIONAL DE PRODUCCION
(SIMILAR TO CONASUPO) SERGIO QUIROS M. AND PRESIDENT OF
FEDERATION OF CATTLEMEN'S CHAMBERS RODOLFO BARRANTES R.

3. AGATT USED CHANCE MEETING WITH QUIROS AND
BARRANTES TO DISCUSS RETA PATTERSON MEETINGS AS BOTH HAD
MET WITH HIM. QUIROS MENTIONED THAT POSSIBILITY OF MEETING
WITH IMPORTERS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND THAT THIS WAS TO BE
ON MEXICO AGENDA. HE SAID THAT MEXICO MEETING IS AIMED
AT COORDINATING POLICIES AMONG COUNTRIES OF REGION AND
TO DISCUSS EXPORTERS ORGANIZATION. GOCR HAS DRAFT OF PRO-
POSED ORGANIZATION.

4. COMMENT: APPEARS TO US THAT MEXICO/PANAMA/CA/REPRESENTATION
AT PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL MEAT MEETING WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE AS GROUP PROVIDED 23 PERCENT OF U.S. IMPORTS
DURING FIRST HALF OF 1974 AND U.S. IMPORTS FROM GROUP LARGER
THAN FROM NEW ZEALAND. GROUP ORIENTED TO U.S. MARKET, BUT
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND POLICIES HAVE DIRECT EFFECT ON
THEIR EXPORTS TO THAT MARKET AND EC AND JAPANESE POLICY
DECISIONS HAVE LARGE INDIRECT IMPACT.

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